



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH

- WHEREAS: For more than 150 years, community banks in Georgia have provided the support local communities need to prosper and grow. Community banks have established a tradition of local collaboration and extensive community involvement by consistently reinvesting deposits into the communities they serve by processing commercial, agricultural, real estate, and consumer loans; and
- WHEREAS: Community banks play an influential role in local economic development by generating new business opportunities and driving job creation, thereby strengthening the economy of hundreds of cities, towns, and communities across the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: Community banks provide valuable opportunities for employment, with nearly 15,000 men and women employed in full-time or part-time positions, serving millions of account holders as well as thousands of shareholders; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 180 independent community banks across Georgia continue to make significant contributions to the well-being of communities through financial backing and a genuine commitment to local residents; and
- WHEREAS: Community banks focus on the prosperity of urban, suburban, and rural areas, showing a consistent dedication to meeting the various financial needs of consumers, small businesses, farmers, and corporations. This is achieved by reinvesting, on average, 95 percent of their loan portfolio in their respective communities through residential mortgages and commercial, agricultural, and student loans; and
- WHEREAS: During the month of April, the State of Georgia joins organizations, including the Community Bankers Association of Georgia, to recognize Community Banking Month and generate greater public awareness and understanding of the essential role that community banks have in maintaining the stability of local economies across the state; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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